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My Dearest Wife :-

Today I will have time for only a short letter because I have an almost unlimited amount of work piled up ahead of me and will have to get at it early. It is now only eight fifteen, and I have just finished breakfast and got my reports in to the adjutant. There are several other matters which will keep me in the office for a time and I am taking advantage of the time I am waiting, to write to you. I am also waiting for the papers to see what we have done to them since yesterday although I got the first French and American Communiqués yesterday afternoon just after they were received and they were most satisfactory. A report came from Hq. Westnigh which I am waiting for the papers to confirm, and which, if true, will be the signal for the



greatest celebration and rejoicing  
I have ever witnessed. It has a  
little more dignity than a rumor,  
but is not quite official enough  
to make me lose my head over it  
yet. At any rate it is a matter  
that is intensely interesting and the  
fact that such a report emanates  
from such a source is very  
significant of the possibilities of  
the present military and political  
situation in Europe. I am not at  
liberty to tell you what it is.  
Your imagination must answer  
the purposes of information, but  
I will tell you as soon as the  
authenticity is either proved or  
disproved.

Last evening - rather - in the  
late afternoon - I went up on  
the hill with Rosy and Eunous  
for a walk and we had a  
most pleasant walk as the day



was bright and the country was  
beautiful. After supper I went  
down to the Club with Capt. So.  
Chauncy and Finch and Lt. Shupe  
and we played a few games  
of billiards. I got in bed at  
about 9:45 and had a fine  
night's sleep so I feel great  
today. As soon as the papers  
come I will go to the room  
and mark up on the map  
the gains since yesterday. The  
map we have is now a very  
interesting thing. It is the  
best map in Camp and all  
the officers go in to see it. It  
is so good and I have spent  
so much time on it and  
taken so much pleasure in  
it that I am always going  
to keep it. I know it will  
always be of interest to me



and to you as well. I have  
also picked up a few souvenirs  
but none of the helmet type <sup>or</sup>  
anything else of a military sort.  
Those things are too big and too  
difficult to carry so I am  
not bothering with them.

I received no mail from you  
yesterday. When the mail man  
returned he had two big sacks  
of mail and I got all excited  
over ~~many~~ prospects, but after  
he started to sort it he found  
that it was all for E. H. #12  
instead of for us, and my  
hopes were "dashed to earth."  
So I still don't know whether  
you received the box I sent  
you. I wonder if I will  
hear today.

Has Ted made any further  
plans regarding coming over



for service in the A. E. F.?  
I have no doubt that if she  
gives it serious consideration  
now she will become con-  
vinced that it is not only  
unnecessary but that it will  
be futile from a standpoint  
of service. For I fully believe  
the war will be over very  
soon now. Therefore I should  
hate very much to have Ted  
leave you. I hope she doesn't  
although it is entirely up to  
her to decide for herself.

This afternoon I have an  
appointment with the dentist  
which will be my first  
one of many. I have three  
teeth to be filled and can't  
tell you how much I dread

it. I can't get gold so will have  
to have an amalgam and then I  
can have it replaced by fusion  
when I return.

Well Honey I must close. I  
love you dearest. I love my dear  
little Marie and dear little Bub.  
Oh! how I love you and long  
for you all. With lots of love  
all I am capable of and  
lots of kisses,

Daddy

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Amer. E. F. France.